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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD HERRERA

1. PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL RAMOS
TELEPHONE AFTERNOON MAY 13 TO ADVISE INFORMALLY THAT PRESIDENT
MARCOS HAS ORDERED THE RELEASE OF MRS. HERRERA TO HER LAWYER
AND THE COURT-MARTIAL OF ONE FIRST LIEUTENANT AND OTHERS WHO
MAY BE INVOLVED IN HER MALTREATMENT. RAMOS SAID HE HAS
RECOMMENDED THAT THE ORDER BE SUMMARIZED FOR THE SECRETARY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SO THAT WE MAY EVENTUALLY RECEIVE AN
OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION. IN RESPONSE TO MY INQUIRY IF THE
PRESIDENTIAL ORDER MEANS THAT OTHER SUSPECTS ARE INVOLVED,
RAMOS SAID THEY ARE STILL SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION AND
INVESTIGATION. RAMOS ADDED THAT THERE IS NO PREJUDGMENT
OF THE LIEUTENANT.

2. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL ORDER DATED MAY 12,
BUT ACCORDING TO RAMOS, JUST RECEIVED BY HIM:

"AS ACTING SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE I HEREBY
ORDER THE RELEASE OF PRISONER TRINIDAD GERILA Y BAKAL
UNDER GUARANTEE OF HER LAWYER OF RECORD, ATTORNEY FRANCISCO
RODRIGO, IN ORDER TO ALLOW HER ALL FACILITIES TO PURSUE HER
CLAIM OF HAVING BEEN MALTREATED WHILE UNDER DETENTION.

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" I ALSO WANT THE COURT-MARTIAL OF FIRST LIEUTENANT
EDUARDO S. MATILLANO AND OTHERS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AND
MAY BE INVOLVED OR CHARGED FOR SUCH ALLEGED MALTREATMENT.

"IN THE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE PRISONER
ON APRIL 27, 1977, BY FIRST LT. SANTOS TOMACRUZ (PHONETIC)

AND ON MAY 9, 1977 BY FIRST LT. (FNU) ROQUE, THERE WERE
NO MARKS OF PHYSICAL MALTREATMENT OR INJURIES. HOWEVER,
THESE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND THE OTHER EVIDENCE MAY
CAST DOUBT ON THE VERACITY OF THE CLAIM OF THE PRISONER,
IT IS THE ESTABLISHED POLICY OF GOVERNMENT TO BRING OUT
THE TRUTH AND THE FACTS, SO A COURT-MARTIAL IS IN ORDER.
SIGNED FERDINAND E. MARCOS."
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